

Regular Council Meeting of the City of Melvindale was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nicole M. Shkira and roll call was taken:

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

ALSO PRESENT: Diana Zarazua, City Clerk; Khaled Ahmed, Treasurer; Richard S. Ortiz, City Administrator/Finance Director; Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel; Dan Jones, Chief of Police; Lt. Robert Kennaley; Police Department; Laura Ridenour, Deputy, Fire Chief; Brad Burns; Chief Building Official, Larrie Ordus, DPW Director; Renee Cook, Arena Manager.

24-01-014 Moved by Jackson and supported by Filipowski, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes dated January 3, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

24-01-015 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to remove from table the appointment of Cecilia Dally as the full time Executive Secretary to Mayor and Council, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Passed Unanimously

24-01-016 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowski, to confirm the appointment of Cecilia Dally as the full time Executive Secretary to Mayor and Council, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Yeas: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Frederick

Nays: None

Abstain: Rauser, Cartrette

Motion Passes

Audience Participation

24-01-017 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the request of Robert Brazeau, City Assessor to add the following to the tax bills: Grass, Weed Cuts, Delinquent Water, Property Transfer Affidavit fines (PTA fines), Building Department fines, Court fees, Sidewalks (2 sizes) and further the deadline for the transfers to taxes will be May 31, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

24-01-018 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to concur with the recommendation of Project Manager, Nick Yuvan, Hennessey Engineers, Inc. to approve the 2024 Contract Pricing Extension with GV Cement for a period of 1 (one) year to include a 10% increase, to their unit pricing to account for the rising cost of materials and labor over the years, pursuant to the terms stated in their letter dated January 11, 2024 and further the letter from Hennessey Engineers, Inc. dated January 11, 2024.

Passed Unanimously

24-01-019 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to concur with the recommendation of Project Manager, Nick Yuvan, Hennessey Engineers, Inc. to approve the 2024 Contract Pricing Extension with Hutch Paving pursuant to the terms stated in their letter dated January 10, 2024 and the recommendation letter from Hennessey Engineers, Inc. dated January 11, 2024.

Hutch has agreed to keep the same unit pricing as they have provided us over the past year, except for the following two items to cover the recent increases in material costs:

- Asphalt cost has increased by \$3.50 per ton (from \$127.50 to \$131.00 per ton for base course, and from \$148.50 to \$152.00 per ton for top course)
- Concrete has increased by \$3 per square foot (from \$15 to \$18 per square foot for 8” concrete)

Passed Unanimously

24-01-020 Moved by Jackson and supported by Rauser, to approve the grant application to the Council of Michigan Foundations/Spark.

WHEREAS, the City of Melvindale supports submission of application to the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF)/Department of Natural Resources SPARK partnership in support of “Kessey Fieldhouse Boat Launch and Dock Redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of the City of Melvindale; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the community and their feedback and input is reflected in the surveys and letters of support and also supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Melvindale is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$255,570 in cash and/or force account;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Melvindale City Council hereby authorizes submission of a CMF SPARK Grant Application for \$1,000,000 grant, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$255,570 for a total \$1,255,570 project cost, during the 2025 fiscal year.

AYES: Jackson, Abuali, Filipowski, Rauser, Frederick, Cartrette

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Melvindale, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held **January 17, 2024**, on and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

DIANA ZARAZUA, CITY CLERK

Passed Unanimously

24-01-021 Moved by Rauser and supported by Jackson, to concur with the recommendation of Lawrence J. Coogan, Corporation Counsel to opt in the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) class action lawsuit.

Passed Unanimously

24-01-022 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to waive the right to rescind the vote for resolution 24-01-021.

Passed Unanimously

24-01-023 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Rauser, to receive and place on file the December 2023 Treasurer's report.

Passed Unanimously

24-01-024 Moved by Rauser and supported by Filipowki, to approve a cap of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) for legal services requested by the City Council by the Miller Law firm specifically Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, to prevent Mayor Nicole Shkira from mistakenly or purposely violating the City Charter.

Yeas: Jackson, Filipowski, Rauser, Cartrette
Nays: None
Abstain: Abuali, Frederick

Motion Passes

Second Audience Participation

24-01-025 Moved by Abuali and supported by Jackson, to receive and place on file the invoice and cover sheet and to authorize the payment of approved invoices totaling \$2,482,451.79 and the electronic transfers totaling \$317,412.39.

Passed Unanimously

24-01-026 Moved by Filipowski and supported by Abuali, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m., no objections, so ordered.

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Nicole Shkira

Diana Zarazua, City Clerk